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C O N F I D E N T I A L BUCHAREST 6425

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINR, UN, RO  
SUBJECT: NEW ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR TO UNITED NATIONS

1. OFFICIAL RCP DAILY SCINTEIA SEPTEMBER 13 CARRIES BRIEF  
ANNOUNCEMENT OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE WHICH RECALLS ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR  
TO US ION DATCU TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND APPOINTS  
AMBASSADOR TEODOR MARINESCU IN HIS PLACE.

2. MARINESCU, 56, HAS BEEN ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR TO SOVIET  
UNION AND HAS HAD LONG EXPERIENCE IN PRESS AND INFORMATION  
WORK. HE HAS BEEN DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ROMANIAN  
NEWS AGENCY AGERPRES (1951), AGERPRES DIRECTOR GENERAL(1958),  
VICE PRESIDENT OF JOURNALISTS UNION (1958), EDITOR-IN-CHIEF  
OF SCINTEIA (1960), AND PRESIDENT OF RADIO AND TELEVISION  
COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS (1965). DURING THIS  
PERIOD HE WAS ALSO ELECTED TO THE GRAND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (1961)  
AND WAS ACTIVE BOTH IN ITS AFFAIRS AND IN SUCH ROMANIAN  
ORGANIZATIONS AS NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR COLLABORATION AND  
MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AMONG BALKAN PEOPLES AND NATIONAL COMMITTEE  
FOR THE DEFENSE OF PEACE; HE FREQUENTLY TRAVELED ABROAD  
EITHER IN HIS LEGISLATIVE OR JOURNALIST CAPACITY (SEE  
CA-7693, JAN 28, 1966 FOR FULL BIO DETAILS PRIOR TO  
HIS APPOINTMENT TO SOVIET UNION). HE WAS FIRST ELECTED  
AS FULL MEMBER OF RCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE IN 1965. HE  
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SERVED AS AMBASSADOR TO SOVIET UNION FROM JANUARY  
1966 TO FEBRUARY 1972, WHEN HE RETURNED TO BUCHAREST TO  
BECOME HEAD OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOREIGN PARTY  
RELATIONS SECTION, FIRST UNDER PARTY SECRETARY PAUL NICULESCU-  
MIZIL AND THEN UNDER STEFAN ANDREI, NOW FOREIGN MINISTER. LATE  
IN 1972 THIS POSITION WAS ABOLISHED AND HE BECAME DEPUTY  
SECTION CHIEF FOR PRESS, A POSITION HE HAS HELD UP

TO NOW AND IN WHICH HE HAS SERVED AS CHIEF ASSISTANT TO THEN-PARTY SECRETARY CORNEL BURTICA. HE REPORTEDLY SPEAKS GOOD FRENCH AND RUSSIAN; HE HAS HAD ESSENTIALLY NO CONTACT WITH THE EMBASSY IN HIS VARIOUS POSTS.

3. DATCU HAS LONG BEEN INVOLVED IN UN AFFAIRS, FIRST IN GENEVA (1969) AND THEN AS AMBASSADOR IN NEW YORK SINCE 1972.

4. COMMENT: CHANGE IN THIS KEY FOREIGN AFFAIRS POST COMES WITHOUT ANY PREVIOUS INDICATION OR RUMORS OF AN IMPENDING SHIFT. WE FIND TIMING OF ANNOUNCEMENT, IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO A NEW UNGA SESSION, AS ESPECIALLY PECULIAR. WE WILL REPORT ANY EXPLANATION OF CHANGE PROVIDED BY GOR OFFICIALS HERE AS WELL AS DATCU'S ON-GOING ASSIGNMENT WHEN KNOWN. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANY COMMENTS BY DATCU OR HIS STAFF TO USUN EXPLAINING HIS RECALL.  
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